

RE: Emergencies Act - Senate Materials

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Any first run at names and topics they would like to discuss?

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Hi both,

I've had a further conversation with the senator in terms of what will need as supports, and to avoid any confusion, I just wanted to follow-up and include everything in one email so we're on the same page:

- **Senators Briefing:** I know there's the all-parliamentarian briefing today, but the senator feels strongly it would be good to organize an additional briefing for all senators and staff as well – preferably tomorrow. That request has been made by the ISG's leadership, and we'd like to be as accommodating as possible, since their vote is critically important.
- **Draft Speech:** I understand the department is already working on it. The sooner we can receive the draft to review and provide any comments, or if additional edits are needed, would be helpful.
- **Briefing Materials/Question & Answer Document:** the senator would like to receive a Question & Answer document so that he's prepared for the Senate debates. Because he gets unlimited time under our Rules, he could be asked quite a number of questions, so in addition to his briefing tomorrow morning, he'd like to receive this. He'd also appreciate receiving any other briefing materials that are being prepared for your Ministers.
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- **Ministerial Appearances:** this isn't confirmed, but it should be on your radar that it's possible your Ministers could be asked to appear in the Senate prior to initiating debate on the motion. This could be helpful in terms of the Senate process.
- **Procedural Arguments (Amendments):** I believe this was tasked with your department, but procedural arguments to address potential amendments to the motion, namely Section 58(6) of the Act, which references "*without further debate or amendment*." If an amendment is moved and/or adopted, what affect would it have on the validity or acceptability of the motion? What amendments would be considered in order, if any?
- **Legal & Academic Research:** I suspect little exists. My office is also doing in-house research, but if there is anything your departments have, it would be appreciated.
- **Draft Motions/Copy of the Declaration for Senate Tabling:** I suspect this would fall with GHLO, but it would be helpful to receive a copy of the declaration for tabling in the Senate, and the text of the motion we would need to bring forward, as soon as possible. We could also use your drafting advice concerning the motion to constitute the Parliamentary Review Committee.

Regards,
Michael



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